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1. MEETING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH REPS THAT GAVE RISE TO PRESS QUESTIONS (REFTEL) WAS EVIDENTLY NATO COMLANDSOUTHEAST'S ANNUAL ARMY COMMANDERS CONFERENCE IN IZMIR, MAY 29-31. CONFERENCE, WHICH PLANNED MONTHS IN ADVANCE, INCLUDES MAJOR GREEK AND TURKISH ARMY COMMANDERS (TURKISH FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD ARMIES AND FIRST HELLENIC ARMY), AND IS CHAIRED BY NATO COMMANDER, LAND FORCES, SOUTHEAST (CURRENTLY GENERAL MELVIN ZAIS, US ARMY, WHO HAS NO US HAT). IZMIR IS LOCATION OF GENERAL ZAIS' NATO
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HQ. NO US OFFICERS PARTICIPATED AS SUCH. ONLY OTHER ACTIVE US

PARTICIPANT (BESIDE GEN ZAIS) WAS US ARMY COL. GUS WATT, WHO WAS PRESENT PURELY IN NATO CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF NATO COMMAND, AFSOUTH.

2. ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING FROM WASHINGTON WAS MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT MCALISTER, US ARMY, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, COMBAT DEVELOPMENTS, TRADOC. GENERAL MCALISTER HAD BEEN INVITED AS GUEST SPEAKER AND SPOKE ON EVOLUTION OF COMBAT DOCTRINE AND MATERIEL. HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN CONFERENCE BUT WAS PRESENT AT MEETINGS IN AUDITOR CAPACITY.

3. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING IN TALKING WITH PRESS.

4. FYI ONLYG ATMOSPHERE AT CONFERENCE WAS NOTABLY RELAXED AND CORDIAL. AEGEAN SITUATION WAS NOT ON AGENDA, AND ONLY OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO IT CAME IN GEN. ZAIS' CLOSING REMAKRS, WHEN HE NOTED THAT DESPITE "LOCAL TENSION," CONFERENCE HAD PROCEEDED TO DEAL SUCCESSFULLY WITH ITS BUSINESS OF MEETING MAIN THREAT (I.E., WARSAW PACT).
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